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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: US Military and Intelligence Requirements
and Resources in Central America (S)

The State Department should undertake, in coordination with the Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and Director of Central Intelligence, an assessment of our current military and intelligence needs in Central America, with emphasis on El Salvador and Honduras, and recommend whether we should consider strengthening our resources to meet these needs. Specifically, do we have enough military and intelligence personnel at this time to support the government of El Salvador in its struggle with guerrilla groups? Do we have enough personnel and resources to assist the Honduran government in its efforts to prevent the transit of arms or guerrillas into El Salvador? Do we have enough personnel and resources to detect shipment of arms or personnel from or through Panama, Costa Rica, or Nicaragua? Can the US obtain these added capabilities rapidly? At what cost? (S)

The report should begin and be based on a political assessment of our interests in the area and the likely problem the government will face in the next year. The report should be transmitted to the National Security Council by February 1, 1980, and it should clearly identify options for possible consideration at a PRC or SCC meeting. (S)



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